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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION FY-77 ETHIOPIAN USAID PROGRAM

REFS; ADDIS 5190 AND STATE 205647

1. AID DIRECTOR SHOULD MAKE INFORMAL PRIVATE STATEMENT
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO EPMG REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE OR
AFTER SIGNING CEREMONY FOR GEMU GOFA PROJECT AGREEMENT:

--IN PAST, THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD OCCASION TO EXPRESS
ITS GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT INFRINGEMENTS OF BASIC HUMAN
RIGHTS IN ETHIOPIA, WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN HEAVY LOSS
OF LIFE AND IMPRISONMENT FOR MANY. WE CONTINUE TO BE
GRAVELY CONCERNED ABOUT THESE VIOLATIONS WHICH CANNOT
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BE JUSTIFIED EVEN ON THE BASIS OF YOUR PRESENT
SECURITY CONCERNS.

--WHILE WE ARE DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THESE VIOLATIONS,
WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE RIGHT TO FULFILLMENT OF SUCH
VITAL HUMAN NEEDS AS FOOD, SHELTER, HEALTH CARE AND
EDUCATION. ACCORDINGLY WE ARE PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE

IN THIS AND OTHER PROJECTS AIMED AT BETTERING THE
LOT OF THE NEEDIEST PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA.

--WE WOULD BE ENCOURAGED BY PROGRESS IN THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL FIELDS, BUT WE URGE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO TAKE STRICT
MEASURES TO PROMOTE THE RULE OF LAW AND TO PRESERVE THE
RIGHTS OF THE INNOCENT AND AVOID ABUSES OF POWER.

2. REQUEST THAT CHARGE MAKE SAME POINTS PRIVATELY AT
APPROPRIATE TIME AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, MAKING REFERENCE
TO FACT THAT, ALTHOUGH US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
CONTINUES, EACH BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE
PROJECT IS SCRUTINIZED CLOSELY IN LINE WITH USG POLICY
ON HUMAN RIGHTS. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT GEMU GOFA AND
TWO OTHER FY-77 USAID PROJECTS WERE APPROVED BECAUSE
OF THEIR CLEAR CONTRIBUTION TOWARD ENHANCING ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL RIGHTS OF THE POOREST ETHIOPIAN CITIZENS.
THIS, HOWEVER, WAS DONE ONLY AFTER DETAILED AND LENGTHLY
REVIEW AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF DEPARTMENT AND USAID. USG
CONCERN OVER ETHIOPIA'S CONTINUING POOR PERFORMANCE
REGARDING RESPECT FOR CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES, AND
SPECIFICALLY SECURITY OF THE PERSON IN REGARD TO ARBITRARY
ARREST, ARBITRARY IMPRISONMENT, AND TREATMENT OF DETAINEES
AND POLITICAL DISSIDENTS, REMAINS ACTIVE. INDEED, THE
EPMG SHOULD BE AWARE THAT FUTURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WILL
RECEIVE CONTINUED CLOSE SCRUTINY IN LIGHT OF PROGRESS
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OR RETROGRESSION IN HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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